

## Message Text

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UNCLAS BELFAST 442

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, UK, E  
SUBJECT: CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE ENDS

REF: BELFAST 440

1. PROVISIONAL IRA, WITHOUT ANNOUNCING CEASEFIRE, CEASED  
HOSTILITIES BETWEEN DECEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 28. IN LATE  
AFTERNOON DECEMBER 28 A FERTILIZER FACTORY IN BELFAST DOCKYARD  
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WAS BOMBED AND A SINGLE SHOT WAS FIRED AT  
FORT MONAGH ANDERSONSTOWN ARMY BASE.

2. REPUBLICAN (PROVISIONAL) CONVICTS AT LONG KESH/MAZE  
THREW THE CHRISTMAS DINNER BACK OVER THE WIRE OF THEIR  
COMPOUNDS APPARENTLY IN FURTHER PROTEST OVER ENDING OF  
"SPECIAL CATEGORY" STATUS. SUFFERING MINIMAL HOWEVER SINCE  
THEY HAD RECEIVED FOOD PARCELS FROM VISITORS. ALMOST 100  
PRISONERS, ALL LOYALISTS, TOOK FIVE-DAY CHRISTMAS PAROLE  
AND RETURNED AS SCHEDULED. PROVISIONALS AGAIN REJECTED  
PAROLE OFFER.SPICER

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